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BIKINI SURVEY (BIO-MED)  
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Dear Bill:

This replies to your recent telephone call regarding Bikini. I talked to my man, Joe Merrill, at Bikini by radio telephone and he in turn talked to Dr. Jack Tobin who has given the following information:

On Enyu they plan to plant about 40,000 coconut palms. They will also plant breadfruit, pandanus and bananas. The quantity of the last three is unestimated.

On Bikini they plan to plant about 60,000 coconut palms as well as an unknown quantity of breadfruit, pandanus and bananas.

Jack Tobin seems to recall there were about 170 to 180 Bikinians taken off the atoll in 1946. We have re-searched our files and find that Dr. Tobin wrote a paper in 1967 which gives a figure of 166 natives removed from the atoll on March 6, 1946. I suggest you use the figure of 166 since this can be substantiated with a written report by a Trust Territory representative. It is interesting to note that the Trust Territory estimates there are about 530 natives who hold some sort of property rights at Bikini Atoll and are thus eligible to return if they wish. This estimate is further broken down as 330 on Kili and about 200 at other island locations.

With regard to your request for glass balls, I have inquired into this in my telephone call to Bikini. We will have to

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see if they can ship any up here to meet your airplane  
schedule.

Very truly yours,

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